

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: April 13, 2005
CALLED TO ORDER: 5:02 p.m.
ADJOURNED: 6:27 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Greg Bowes
Vernon Brown
William Oliver
Lincoln Plowman
Lynn McWhirter

Absent Members

Sherron Franklin
Scott Schneider

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 111, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$21,900 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State & Federal Grants Fund) to pay expenses for marketing displays, van graphics, website upgrades, rent, utilities & maintenance costs for the Community Court, funded by a grant from Department of Justice, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
"Withdrawn" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 144, 2005 - reappoints Katy Behan to the Citizens Police Complaint Board
"Do Pass as Amended" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 145, 2005 - approves an increase of \$12,294 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Federal Grants Fund), to pay for officer overtime for seat belt enforcement through the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership, financed by a federal grant
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 146, 2005 - approves an increase of \$257,084 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Federal Grants Fund), to pay for a capacity upgrade on the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), financed by a grant from the Federal Department of Justice passed through the State of Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

Presentation on IndyFeral: Jeff Bennett and Lisa Tudor.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, April 13, 2005. Chairwoman Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. with the following members present: Greg Bowes, Vernon Brown, William Oliver, Lincoln Plowman, and Lynn McWhirter. Also present was Bart Brown, the City-County Council's Chief Financial Officer. Absent were Sherron Franklin, and Scott Schneider.

PROPOSAL NO. 111, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$21,900 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State & Federal Grants Fund) to pay expenses for marketing displays, van graphics, website upgrades, rent, utilities & maintenance costs for the Community Court, funded by a grant from Department of Justice, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Sue Patterson, Director of Finance for the Court Services Agency, stated that she received this request a few months ago to move these funds and the request was misinterpreted. The actual request was to move the cash match portion of this grant. This was a request that only the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute needed to act on and it was brought to the City County Council by mistake.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to withdraw Proposal No. 111, 2005. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 144, 2005 - reappoints Katy Behan to the Citizens Police Complaint Board

Katherine Behan, Citizens Police Complaint Board, stated that she has been on this board for the last three years among other community service involvement. She explained that the board would handle all complaints from citizens filed on a police officer. Ms. Behan said that serving on this board is her way of trying to make the City of Indianapolis a better place to live.

Councillor Oliver asked if he could have a copy of all complaints made to the Citizens Police Complaint Board. Ms. Behan explained that anyone wanting that information would have to contact the Civilian Police Board.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to Amend Proposal No. 144, 2005 by inserting the legal name Katherine in this proposal and removing the name Katy. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 144, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 145, 2005 - approves an increase of \$12,294 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Federal Grants Fund), to pay for officer overtime for seat belt enforcement through the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership, financed by a federal grant

Elizabeth Allison, Indianapolis Police Department (IPD) Grant Manager, stated that this funding is for the Seat Belt Enforcement program. Major John Ball, Indianapolis Police Department, stated that the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership is administered by the Marion County Prosecutors Office, and provides grant money to all Marion County law enforcement agencies to work in partnerships to address traffic safety problems through enforcement and education. He stated that this grant funds the mobile patrol where officers make traffic stops and issue citation's, and also check point stops where officers stand in the street and visually inspect to see if a motorist is wearing the seat belt. Ms. Allison said that the Chief of Police stated that he was going to inform neighborhoods about the programs that are administered by IPD.

Jerry McCory, Public Safety Advisor, stated that the seat belt enforcement zones were invented in the City of Indianapolis. He stated that this program has gone across the nation because of what was created here in the city of Indianapolis. Major Ball added that the new seatbelt law will be in effect on July 01, 2005, and it will increase the age children will have to be in booster seats and safety seats.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 145, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 146, 2005 - approves an increase of \$257,084 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Federal Grants Fund), to pay for a capacity upgrade on the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), financed by a grant from the Federal Department of Justice passed through the State of Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Lisa Bentley, Chief of Operations in the Prosecutors office, stated that this proposal is funded by ICJI with a cash match of \$85,916 that is funded by the IPD data processing equipment budget. Captain Donald Bee, IPD, stated that the AFIS system was started back in 1990 and changed the way the police department handled the capture of fingerprints and records. When the AFIS system was first started it was with a 350,000 database. This proposal would upgrade the AFIS system database to 750,000, which would allow space for many years to come. Captain Bee added that this upgrade would include a "slap match database" which is another tool to eliminate the wrong identity problem.

Councillor McWhirter asked if the AFIS system is only used to identify prints in the City of Indianapolis. Captain Bee stated that this system would be asked to identify prints for people everywhere.

Councillor Bowes asked the accuracy of the AFIS system. Captain Bee said that using the four fingers on the new system offers a 98% accuracy rate.

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Councillor Brown asked how often the wrong identity problem occurs. Captain Bee stated that he does not have a specific number and added that it does not occur often. He stated that the upgrade would greatly decrease the chance of wrong identity.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 146, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

{Clerks note: Chairwoman Moriarty Adams acknowledged IPD's Assistant Chief James Wyatt.}

Councillor McWhirter stated that several months ago the City-County Council passed an ordinance regarding an evaluation of the Arrestee Processing Center, and asked if that information was received. Chairwoman Moriarty Adams stated that she spoke with Diana Burleson regarding that information and she would come and give an update at a later committee meeting.

{Clerks note: IndyFeral presented a 10-minute video and an information packet on IndyFeral, which is on file in the council's office with the original set of minutes.}

Lisa Tudor, President of IndyFeral, stated that IndyFeral is a community Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) group, which is a group that was established in February 2002 and is staffed entirely by volunteers. She stated that IndyFeral is dedicated to helping stray and feral cats in the Indianapolis area by creating resources to assist with feeding, shelter, spay/neuter, and medical care for them. IndyFeral will strive to improve cats' lives and promote ideas that are more reflective of a caring and humane community.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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